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UM LIBRARY TO COLLECT LETTERS FROM VIET GI'S

MISSOULA--

Staff members in the University of Montana Library Archives have begun a program of collecting letters sent home by Viet Nam servicemen.

"We hope to include these letters in a ^{special} collection within the manuscripts division of the archives," Brian Cockhill, acting UM archivist, said.

Library officials said the letters from the Viet Nam GI's may eventually be valuable for historical research purposes.

"To lessen the chance of loss or destruction, such materials should be collected now to insure their preservation for the time when they may be used for historical interpretation of the present hostilities," Cockhill said.

"The University would appreciate the donation or loan of any letters, diaries or reminiscences which deal with the conflict in Southeast Asia," he added.

Anyone interested in donating such materials may contact Brian Cockhill or Dale Johnson at the University Library, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801.

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